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## PRESIDENT BUSH RECESS APPOINTS RONALD MEISBURG AS NLRB GENERAL COUNSEL, PETER KIRSANOW BOARD MEMBER, AND ARTHUR ROSENFELD FMCS DIRECTOR

The White House announced late yesterday President Bush's recess appointments of Ronald E. Meisburg to serve as General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, Peter N. Kirsanow to be a Member of the NLRB, and Acting NLRB General Counsel Arthur F. Rosenfeld as Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. They can serve until the sine die adjournment of Congress in 2007 unless the Senate confirms their pending nominations.

Mr. Meisburg previously served under a recess appointment by President Bush as a Member of the Board from January 12, 2004 to December 8, 2004. He was nominated by the President in July 2005 to be the NLRB General Counsel for a 4-year term. In the interim, he served as Special Assistant to the NLRB's Associate General Counsel for Enforcement and as Executive Assistant to the NLRB's Deputy General Counsel. From 1980-2003, Mr. Meisburg was in the private practice of labor law in Washington, D.C., most recently as a shareholder in the firm of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart. Earlier in his career, he served at the Department of Labor in the Office of the Solicitor of Labor, and in the divisions of Employee Benefits and Mine Safety and Health. He received his B.A. degree from Carson-Newman College and his J.D. degree from the University of Louisville.

Mr. Kirsanow is currently a Partner with the Cleveland-based law firm Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff, LLP, in the Labor and Employment Practice Group. In addition, he is a Member of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, chair of the board of directors of the Center for New Black Leadership, and on the advisory board of the National Center for Public Policy Research. President Bush announced in November 2005 his intent to nominate Mr. Kirsanow to be a Member of the NLRB for the remainder of a 5-year term expiring August 27, 2008. Mr. Kirsanow previously served as Senior Legal Counsel for Leaseway Transportation Corporation in Cleveland, Ohio. Prior to that, he served as Labor Counsel for the City of Cleveland. Earlier in his career, Mr. Kirsanow practiced law with Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP. He received his B.A. degree from Cornell University and his J.D. degree with honors from Cleveland Marshall College of Law, where he was articles editor of the Cleveland State Law Review.

President Bush recess appointed Mr. Rosenfeld to serve as Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Mr. Rosenfeld had been serving as Acting General Counsel of the NLRB since July 1, 2005 and was the General Counsel from June 4, 2001 to June 3, 2005. Prior to his NLRB service, he was senior Labor Counsel of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. Immediately prior to joining the Committee, Mr. Rosenfeld

worked at the U.S. Department of Labor in a number of capacities, including Counsel for Regulations in the Division of Employee Benefits, Special Assistant to the Solicitor of Labor, and Associate Deputy Secretary of Labor. Mr. Rosenfeld practiced labor law in the Washington, D.C. office of Hansell & Post, and began his career in Washington as a labor attorney with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in 1979.

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